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# Cloud Computing & AF Weather Cloud Migration Plan/Initial Observations



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#### **Cloud Computing Intro**



- The "cloud" is here & now
  - US CIO, Federal, DoD, & DNI policy & direction



- Initial focus on efficiencies
  - Major part in Federal Data Center Consolidation (now the Data Center Optimization Initiative)
- Now cloud computing viewed as force/capability multiplier to achieve National Defense Strategy goals
  - Modernize key capabilities space & cyberspace
  - Develop a ... agile and resilient force posture and employment
- Reqs outpacing ability to grow on-premise infrastructure
- Cloud enables rapid, scalable solution space
  - On-premise you can be inefficient; you pay for everything in cloud ... need to be data & processing efficient
- AF Weather all in!





## AFW Cloud Migration Plan: BLUF Synopsis



- Migrate all eight Wx Special Purpose Processing Nodes (SPPN) as enterprise project
  - 6 OWSs, Climatology Center (14 WS) & Offutt (2 WXG)
- Vision: Built around a data-centric arch.
  - Reenvision/consolidate AFW data holdings
  - Utilize true Big Data solutions
    - Enable Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning apps
  - Apps migrated/developed using CI/CD processes/tools
- Cloud services available on six security environments
  - Using AWS's GovCloud, Secret, C2S, & potential cloud-in-a-box
    - Phased implementation completion:
      - Initial focus on non-High Performance Computing (HPC) assets
        - OWSs EOCY21
        - 14 WS EOCY22
        - Offutt minus cloud forecast & HPC missions EOCY25







## Few Initial Observations / Lessons Learned



#### Cost estimate for application migration hard to find

- Methodology created migration analogy based on size of our 1<sup>st</sup> app
- Used SEER-SEM parameters to create complexity factors for refactor & reenvision efforts using 1<sup>st</sup> app rehost as base

#### Hire SMEs for planning & execution

- Growing cloud computing gurus takes time ... we are definitely still learning
- At AF level, senior level migration suspense's & documentation gave the appearance of maturity
  - Reality ... we were ahead of process and capability
  - Taken more time than anticipated

#### Challenging balance "cloud agnostic" & power of cloud

- Engineers want to go all in ... severless, schemaless
- Mgmt/arch need flexibility ... abstraction layer for APIs, RBAC, PBAC, etc.; no CSP services CLI, etc.

#### Spend time on data/core srvcs "before" apps migration

• Includes expectation mgmt. for developers & leaders ... what to see it now!





### Questions?